

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

January 21, 2020

Reinstatement of Reward in the Homicide Investigation of Salvador Esparza

On Tuesday July 5, 2016, at approximately 10:40 p.m., Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies were dispatched to the 300 block of West Figueroa Drive in unincorporated Altadena. Responding deputies found 4-year-old Salvador Esparza lying on the front porch suffering from a single gunshot wound to his head. Victim Esparza was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Another gunshot victim, 27-year-old African-American male was also found lying on the front porch and was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital where he was treated for his injury.

According to witnesses, the suspect was chasing the 27-year-old, African-American male onto the property and shot at the male, striking both victims. The suspect then ran south on Olive Avenue.

LASD investigators believe the suspect to be a gang member, and the shooting is believed to gang related. However, LASD investigators believe that victim Esparza or his family were not the intended target.

Victim Esparza is survived by his parents, and grandparents. The families, who have been helpful during the investigation and remain in contact with the investigators, are devastated by this senseless tragedy.

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The \$20,000 reward approved by this Board on August 2, 2016, expired on October 30, 2016, reestablished on April 23, 2019, extended on July 16, 2019, and expired on January 17, 2020. LASD investigators continue to seek assistance from the public and any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact LASD or Crime Stoppers.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors reinstate the reward previously offered in the amount of \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the heinous murder of 4-year-old Salvador Esparza.

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